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	First Named Inventor	Mohan V. Kalkunte	
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	Examiner Name	Frank Duong	
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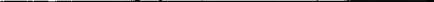
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>		<b>( \$ )</b>		

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	20**	= <b>( \$ )</b>	= <b>( \$ )</b>
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
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1203	280	2203	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>		<b>( \$ )</b>		

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**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
2053	130	2053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	410	2252	205 Extension for reply within second month
1253	930	2253	465 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,970	2255	985 Extension for reply within fifth month
1404	320	2401	160 Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	2451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,300	2453	650 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,300	2501	650 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	470	2502	235 Design issue fee
1503	630	2503	315 Plant issue fee
1460	130	2460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	750	1809	375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	750	2810	375 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	750	2801	375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mohan V. Kalkunte et al.

Application No.: 09/271,011

Filed: March 17, 1999

For: PRESERVING FRAME ORDERING  
ACROSS AGGREGATED LINKS  
SUPPORTING A PLURALITY OF  
TRANSMISSION RATES

Examiner: Frank Duong

Art Group: 2664

Date of Mailing of Office Action:  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed February 5, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified Application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving frame order across an aggregated link comprised of a plurality of virtual links each supporting a particular transmission rate, the method comprising:  
2. receiving up to a plurality of indications denoting commencement of frame transmission on each of the virtual links; and  
3. assigning a plurality of pointer values to a corresponding plurality of records in a pointer value buffer associated with each of the virtual links, the assignment of the plurality of pointer values based, at least in part, on the relative order in which data frames are transmitted on each of